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PANAMA FOR OIC/RTC, RSS AND RMO FROM RSO TELFORD

DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/FO, SY/T AND ARA/CAR

CARACAS FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL AND USG PROPERTY-GEORGETOWN

REF: GEORGETOWN 2171

1. A REVIEW HAS BEEN CONCLUDED OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS IN GEORGETOWN TO ENHANCE THE PERSONNEL PROTECTION PROGRAM AND OF USG FACILITIES. APART FROM SEPARATE TELEGRAMS INVOLVING GUARD SERVICES AND VOICE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, THIS EMBTEL IS RELATED TO OTHER SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE POST AND/OR REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM OIC/RTC. IN ADDITION, IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY THAT A/RSO CARACAS BE SCHEDULED TO VISIT GEORGETOWN WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO CONDUCT BADLY NEEDED SECURITY SURVEYS OF THE CHANCERY, CONSULAR ANNEX, USIS JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER AND USAID FACILITY.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POST:

A. THAT A MARINE GUARD DESK BE CONSTRUCTED
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IN THE LOBBY TO REPLACE THE TEMPORARY SECRETARIAL

DESK. DESK WILL BE CONSTRUCTED PER PLANS DISCUSSED BETWEEN RSO, ADMIN OFFICER, GSO AND NCOIC. DOOR CONTROLLED BY MSG WILL BE INSTALLED.

B. THAT ALL GLASS ABOVE THE ADMIN AND NCOIC OFFICES IN THE LOBBY BE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY WOODEN PANELS AND/OR LEXAN AS DISCUSSED. THE MAIN LOBBY GLASS DOOR WILL REMAIN WITHOUT CHANGE FOR THE PRESENT.

C. THAT THE GLASS WINDOW IN THE REAR CHANCERY ACCESS DOOR BE REPLACED WITH LEXAN WHEN AVAILABLE.

D. THAT LARGE WOODEN FRONT DOOR, WHICH IS CLOSED AFTER HOURS, BE EQUIPPED WITH A DROP BAR.

E. THAT VHF RADIO CALL SIGNS BE CHANGED.

F. THAT A NIGHTLY 2100 RADIO/TIME CHECK BE INITIATED BY POST, FOLLOWED BY RADIO SILENCE UNLESS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS.

G. THAT NEW ESTABLISHED PRACTICE BE CONTINUED OF LISTING ONLY NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN PHONE LISTINGS AND THAT LISTINGS BE CONTROLLED. DEPENDENTS NAMES ARE NOT TO BE LISTED.

H. THAT STRICT PACKAGE CONTROL BE ESTABLISHED FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHANCERY LOBBY; NOT ONLY FOR THOSE PASSING THE MSG.

I. THAT KEY CONTROL BE ESTABLISHED FOR PUBLIC RESTROOMS OR THOSE WHERE THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE ACCESS IN THE CONSULAR ANNEX, USIS CENTER AND USAID.

J. THAT PACKAGE CONTROL BE ESTABLISHED AT PARA H LOCATIONS.

3. REQUEST FOR RTC ASSISTANCE:

A. POST WILL REQUIRE 132 SQ. FT. OF ONE-HALF INCH LEXAN FOR INSTALLATION OF MSG DESK, RECEPTION DESK AND IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS TO REPLACE GLASS IN THE LOBBY, ADMIN AND NCOIC OFFICES. CAN RTC ASSIST WITH THIS URGENT REQUEST? IF FUND CITATION IS NECESSARY, PLEASE ADVISE. PAN AM SERVICES GEORGETOWN.

B. FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 10 VISIT TO CARACAS
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OF TSO AND SEABEE, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SHORT VISIT COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR GEORGETOWN. POST HAS NO CCTV INSTALLATION. TWO MONITORS AND TWO CAMERAS WILL BE REQUIRED. THERE IS NO COMPATIBLE LIGHTING AVAILABLE. CURRENT IS COMMERCIAL 120/50 CY. IF UNITS ARE NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN PANAMA, IT IS REQUESTED THEY BE ORDERED FROM SY/T. RSO WILL DISCUSS FULL

INSTALLATION WITH TSO IN CARACAS.

C. IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARA B, IF VISIT CAN BE SCHEDULED, THERE IS NEED FOR PRIORITY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON C&R INNER DOOR COMBINATION LOCK.

D. LOCAL CARPENTER HAS "SIX THUMBS" ON LOCK INSTALLATIONS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SEABEE COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION TO CARPENTER FOR RESIDENTIAL LOCK PROGRAM.

E. RESIDENTIAL SECURITY DEVICES FOR GEORGETOWN WILL BE SET FORTH IN CABLE FROM CARACAS. SY CATALOG RE DEVICES NOT AVAILABLE AT POST.

F. PER PARA 2.A., 50.39 SQ. FT. OF ALUMINUM ARMOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO BACK THE MSG AND RECEPTIONIST DESKS. SHEET STEEL IS AVAILABLE IN VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES BUT IS PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. CAN RTC ASSIST POST WITH REQUESTED MATERIAL?

4. REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE:

A. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ARA/EX COULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING GEORGETOWN IN ANY AVAILABLE ARA MOTION PICTURE CIRCUIT OR FEASIBILITY OF U.S. COMMERCIAL RENTAL. THE GEORGETOWN THEATRES ARE DEFINITELY A SAFETY HAZARD FOR OUR PERSONNEL. DUE TO THE INCREASE IN STREET CRIME RATES INVOLVING VIOLENCE (DAY AND NIGHT), I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE POST THAT THEATRES NOT BE ATTENDED.

B. THE POST CONTRACT AMERICAN NURSE HAS REQUISITIONED MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM A CONFIDENTIAL

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U.S. MILITARY SUPPLIER ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING SHIPMENT. OF CONCERN ARE ORDERED BANDAGES, COMPRESSES, ETC. SEPTEL FOLLOWS GIVING ORDER DATES AND SUPPLIER FOR FOLLOW-UP BY DEPARTMENT.
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